**Investment by NRIs in Education**

1210. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to invite Non-Resident Indians to make investment in the field of education; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Proposals received in this regard are considered on a case to case basis. The Government in the Department of Education has approved two proposals from Indian companies to set up schools with foreign or NRI investment.

**U.P. Irrigation Projects, Awaiting Central Clearance**

1211. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh have sent any proposal of irrigation projects for clearance, to Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when these projects are likely to be cleared;

(d) the details of the irrigation projects cleared by the Central Government during the period from 1st March, till date; and

(e) the funds earmarked for these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYANAIDU): (a) and (b) Details of new major and medium irrigation projects of U.P. pending clearance are given in the attached Statement. (*See* below)

(c) Clearance of projects depends upon how soon the State Government complies with the observations of Central Appraising Agencies and obtains environmental/forests/rehabilitation and resettlement plans clearances.

(d) One medium irrigation project namely 'providing kharif channels in Hindon-Krishni Doab' envisaging annual irrigation of 3,000 hectares has been given investment clearance by the Planning Commission in July, 1995 at an estimated cost of Rs. 11.83 crores.

(e) An expenditure of Rs. 2.77 crores has been incurred till March, 1992. The VIII Plan outlay for the project is Rs. 23.31 crores. Against this the estimated expenditure during 1992—95 is Rs. 0.65 crores. The Working Group of the Planning Commission has recommended an outlay of Rs. 3 crores for the year 1995-96.